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SUBJECT	Shipment of Supplies to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam via the West River	DATE DISTR.	23 October 1953	
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1. all the large tugboats which ply the West River between Canton and Wuchou (N 23-28, E 111-19), such as the YUEH LI¹ (1878/0448), the HSI AN¹ (6007/1344), the LI FA¹ (0448/4099), the KUEI LI¹ (2710/0448), the SHENG LI² (0524/0448), and the TA HSING (1129/5281), were pressed into service by the Chinese Communist Army.
2. On 6 April five wooden barges, loaded to capacity with supplies for the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) forces, were towed by the steamer CHIEH TZU CH'IEH CHIN (6043/1316/0467/6651) Number 6 from Whampoa to Wuchou. The cargo on the barges included truck tires, automobile spare parts and other hardware, steel plates, and 80 boxes of hand grenades. The cargo also included 125 large boxes of airplane spare parts ()
3. On 8 April, 7.92-mm. rifles and light machine guns for the DRV forces were shipped from Canton to Wuchou on the TA HSING and the KUEI LI. From Wuchou they were to be shipped to Nanning (N 22-48, E 108-18).

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1. reported that these ships were operating on the West River under either military or civil control in September 1951.
2. (previously referenced), reported that the SHENG LI was on the Nanning-Paise (N 23-55, E 106-34) run under the control of the West River Navigation Company in January 1952.

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